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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 13-18, 20, 22-27, 31 and 32 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 13-18, 20, 22-27, 31 and 32 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 23 have been amended.

Claims 2, 4, 20, 22, 27, 31 and 32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

New claims 33-35 have been added in order to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 13-18, 20, 22-27, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Gazdzinski (2001/0051766). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

Gazdzinski does not teach or suggest and the Examiner does not suggest that Gazdzinski teaches or suggests, *inter alia*,

transferring an energizing signal to an in-vivo device ...
an external phased array antenna, the phased array antenna comprising two or more antennas for receiving the first signal in a reception order according to reception time(s),

wherein the two or more antennas are configured to transmit the second signal in a reversed order of the reception order of the first signal, such that the time difference between transmission of the second signal through a first antenna of the two or more antennas and transmission of the second signal through a second antenna of the two or more antennas equals to the time difference between the reception times of the first signal at the first antenna and the second antenna

as recited in independent claim 1 as amended.

Gazdzinski also fails to teach or suggest, and the Examiner does not suggest that Gazdzinski teaches or suggests, inter alia:

transferring an energizing signal to an in vivo device ...
receiving a first signal transmitted from said in vivo device by a phased array antenna comprising two or more antennas;
recording a reception order according to reception time of said first signal through the phased array antenna; and
transmitting, by said phased array antenna, a second signal to said in vivo sensing device in a reverse order, such that the time difference between transmission of the second signal through a first antenna of the two of more antennas and transmission of the second signal through a second antenna of the two of more antennas equals to the time difference between the reception times of the first signal at the first antenna and the second antenna.

as recited in independent claim 23 as amended.

For a reference to anticipate a claim, the reference must teach all elements of the claim. Therefore, Gazdzinski cannot anticipate independent claims 1 and 23, as amended.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that amended independent claims 1 and 23 are allowable. Claims 2, 4, 20, 22, 27, 31 and 32 have been canceled, thus the rejection of these claims is now moot. Each of claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13-18 and 26 depends from, directly or indirectly, one of claims 1 and 23, and therefore includes all the limitations of those claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13-18 and 24-26 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to amended independent claims 1 and 23 and to claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13-18 and 24-26 dependent thereon.

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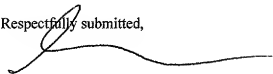
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants assert that the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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